

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN SUPPORT OF H. CON. RES. 177

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dolores Huerta, the most prominent Chicana labor leader within the Latino community. Dolores Huerta is the co-founder and First Vice President Emeritus of the United Farm Workers Union of America (UFW), AFL-CIO. For decades she has dedicated her life to the struggle for justice and dignity for migrant farm workers. Honored with countless awards for her tireless commitment, she is a role model for the entire Hispanic community.

In the mid 1950's Dolores Huerta began her work empowering workers by joining the Community Service Organization (CSO), a Mexican American self help association founded in Los Angeles. Dolores understood early on that empowerment was the key to leveraging power within the Latino community. She registered voters, organized citizenship classes for immigrants, and pressed local governments for improvements in the poorest of barrio communities. Given her passion and determination the CSO sent her to lobby on behalf of these under served communities in Sacramento. It was in this capacity that Dolores began her historic work serving the needs of migrant workers.

Life for migrant farm workers is incredible harsh. They endure painful work conditions during the day—with the hot sun beating down on them as they spend long hours bent over picking strawberries, grapes, lettuce and other crops. The conditions did not improve in the evenings—they retired to run down shacks, if they were fortunate enough to have a home. Often their cars or the floor were their only retreat. The workers were paid nominal wages, \$.10 to \$.20 a basket, and often were subject to further deductions in pay for water they consumed in the hot sun. The majority of these workers were Mexican immigrants or Mexican Americans who were monolingual Spanish speakers and had no voice. Dolores would soon lend her voice, in fact shouts, for justice to their cause.

She joined the Agricultural Workers Association (AWA), a community interest group in northern California. Through her work with the AWA she met Cesar Chavez, at that time the director of the CSO in California and Arizona, soon to become her colleague in the organization which would improve the quality of life for migrant workers across the country the United Farm Workers Union (UFW). The UFW was founded in 1972 with a commitment to justice, heard through the shouts of "si se puede" or felt through the pounding rattle of their traditional unity claps, has won many significant struggles for Latino workers.

As a co-founder and second in command to Chavez, Dolores helped shape and guide the union and contributed to their significant successes. Her style has always been forceful

and uncompromising, yet she has been able to build successful coalitions of feminists, community workers, religious groups, Latino associations, student organizations, peace activists and countless others. Many of Dolores activities on behalf of the UFW have placed her in personal danger. She has been arrested more than 22 times for non-violent peaceful protest and in 1988 during a demonstration in San Francisco, she was severely injured by baton swinging police officers. She suffered two broken ribs and a ruptured spleen. However, this painful and life threatening experience did not stop her resolve. After recovering from her life-threatening injuries, Dolores resumed her work on behalf of farm workers in the 1990's and today at 72 years of age she continues to make appearances, lobby, and advocate on behalf of Latino workers. She has truly devoted her life to ensure that workers in this country are treated with dignity and justice.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER REEVE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on the eve of Christopher Reeve's 50th birthday, I would like to recognize his unflinching courage, strength, and faith as he has worked to overcome paralysis. Not only has Christopher Reeve put a human face on spinal cord injury, but he has become a leading advocate for medical research, better care for people with spinal cord injury and for increased quality of life for the more than two million Americans living with paralysis.

After graduating from Cornell University in 1974 and studying at Julliard, Christopher Reeve made his Broadway debut opposite Katherine Hepburn in *A Matter of Gravity*. Best known for his star role in *Superman* and its many sequels, Christopher Reeve has dazzled the big screen and stage in numerous productions, such as *The Bostonians*, *Street Smart*, *Speechless*, *Noises Off*, *Above Suspicion*, *The Remains of the Day*, and most recently, *Rear Window*. He made his directorial debut with "In the Gloaming" in 1997, which received five Emmy nominations and published his autobiography, *Still Me* in 1998, which spent eleven weeks on the New York Times Bestseller List.

But beyond his experience within the entertainment arena, Christopher Reeve has achieved great success in a new and much more challenging role: a survivor of spinal cord injury who is working toward a medical miracle. Christopher Reeve has become a beacon of hope for all people with spinal cord injury and paralysis. The recent news reports about his medical progress has been an inspiration for not only those living with paralysis, but also for the medical research community. For the first time since his accident in 1995,

Christopher Reeve is able to wiggle his fingers and toes, experience sensation in his body, and tell the difference between hot and cold—something that the medical community did not believe was possible in someone so far removed from the initial time of his accident.

Christopher Reeve's recovery and recent scientific evidence show that there is hope for those living with paralysis. At research centers in the United States, Europe and Japan, new techniques of rigorous exercise has helped an estimated 500 persons with paraplegia and limited sensations in their lower bodies to walk for short distances, either unassisted or using walkers.

While the results of these new methods are quite miraculous, the limits of what physical exercise can do for patients remains grossly understudied. While each person and each injury is unique, and some people recover spontaneously, an estimated 200,000 Americans are living with spinal cord injuries that have not improved. Which therapy or combination of therapies will work for each persons is unknown. Today 2 million Americans are living with paralysis, including spinal cord injury, stroke, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, ALS and spina bifida. We need research to see how these new interventions work on the entire population of individuals living with paralysis.

Tomorrow, I will join my colleagues in introducing the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Act of 2002, which seeks to further advance the science needed to help those living with paralysis take that next step and at the same time build quality of life program in the state that will further advance full participation, independent living, self-sufficiency and equality of opportunity for individuals with paralysis and other physical disabilities.

Those living with paralysis face astronomical medical costs, and our best estimates tell us that only one-third of those individuals remain employed after paralysis. At least one-third of those living with paralysis have incomes of \$15,000 or less. And over the past 20 years, overall days spent in the hospital and rehabilitation centers for those living with paralysis have been cut in half.

Christopher Reeve's recent triumphs in overcoming paralysis prove how close we are to achieving major breakthroughs for people who have paralysis. The Christopher Reeve Paralysis Act of 2002 will ensure that the federal government does its part to help the more than two million Americans with paralysis who are still waiting for their own breakthroughs.

As John F. Kennedy once said, "The stories of past courage can define that ingredient—they can teach, they can offer hope, they can provide inspiration. But they cannot supply courage itself. For this each man must look into his own soul." Since Christopher Reeve was injured, his tireless efforts to walk again, coupled with his faith, passion and commitment to improve quality of life for others living with paralysis, make him an inspiration to us all. Happy Birthday, Chris.

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IN RECOGNITION OF NEW
ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Wednesday, September 25, 2002*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to New Alternatives for Children (NAC), on the occasion of the foundation's 20th Anniversary.

Founded in 1982, New Alternatives for Children is the New York City area's only child-welfare agency devoted exclusively to children with severe disabilities and chronic illnesses. NAC was founded in 1982 to find homes for disabled "broader babies"—children who were residing in hospitals long after they were medically ready for discharge, because their biological families were unable to care for them.

Since 1982, NAC has moved hundreds of children out of the hospital and into safe, loving, and permanent family homes—through foster care, adoption, or extensive work with biological families to enable them to care for their children.

NAC consistently receives the highest rankings for foster care services and has reduced the average length of stay from foster-care placement to adoption to half as long as the New York City average. In addition, children who are reunified with their birth families average one year and three months in foster care at NAC, as opposed to the citywide average of four years.

NAC's tremendous efforts to help children with disabilities and chronic illnesses to meet their full potential has given these children an opportunity to lead healthy fulfilling lives. NAC not only provides innovative foster care, adoption, and prevention services, but offers on-site medical and mental health care, which is an invaluable service to families who might otherwise have great difficulty navigating among the many services they require.

Further, NAC provides support groups for the siblings of children with disabilities, mentoring, art therapy, and recreational services, including summer camp opportunities, and considerable help in making sure that families' homes are able to meet the requirements of children with disabilities.

NAC is providing our community with an immensely important service by preventing the institutionalization of disabled or chronically ill children.

NAC opens a world of opportunities and possibilities for medically fragile children and assists the entire family in reaching their potential as productive members of society.

NAC has strongly held onto the belief that all children have the right to grow up in a loving and safe family setting, and NAC has made this possible for hundreds of children. Within the community, NAC has provided comprehensive services to meet the physical, social, educational, recreational, and health care needs of these children so that they may have a smooth adjustment to living in the community.

In recognition of New Alternatives for Children's outstanding contributions to the community and their commitment to the quality of

life of chronically ill and disabled children. I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting NAC on their 20th Anniversary.

**L. MENDEL RIVERS AWARD FOR
LEGISLATIVE ACTION****HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS**OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Wednesday, September 25, 2002*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, the Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America (NCOA) will present its L. Mendel Rivers Award for Legislative Action to our colleague CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH of New Jersey today. The NCOA instituted this annual award to be presented to the legislator who, in their opinion, is most worthy of recognition for personal effort in furthering the ideals of democracy, freedom, and patriotism on behalf of our beloved Nation.

CHRIS' legislative efforts and achievements on behalf of all who serve or have served in the Armed Forces truly reflect the noble ideals and values of legislative service envisioned by the creation of the award in the honored name of L. Mendel Rivers, a distinguished former colleague of this House.

In selecting CHRIS to receive this coveted award, NCOA has declared to its worldwide membership his extraordinary legislative achievement. His leadership role as Chairman of the Committee of Veterans' Affairs enabled him to champion legislation that has benefitted the men and women who serve or have served in the Uniformed Services of the United States and whose service and sacrifice have preserved the democracy and freedoms enjoyed by all Americans. His legislative leadership in 2001 resulted in new laws providing expanded services and benefits to America's 25 million military veterans. H.R. 1291 (now Public Law 107-103), the Veterans Education and Benefits Expansion Act of 2001, increases educational, housing, burial and disability benefits by \$3.1 billion. This legislation also boosted the Montgomery GI Bill college education benefit amount by a record 46 percent within 3 years, increasing the lifetime college benefit for qualified veterans from \$24,192 to \$35,460. He is also being recognized for his advocacy to end homelessness among veterans. He has instituted creative programs designed to prevent homelessness by identifying at-risk veterans and has helped institute new nationwide programs to break the cycle of homelessness among veterans.

The Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) is a federally chartered, non-profit, fraternal association founded in 1960. NCOA received its federal charter from Congress in 1988. Its purpose is to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States; support a strong national defense with a focus on military personnel issues; promote health, prosperity and scholarship among its members and their families through legislative and benevolent programs; improve benefits for servicemembers, veterans, their family members and survivors; and assist servicemembers, veterans, their family members and survivors in filing benefit claims.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DIVIDED
PAYMENT INCENTIVE ACT**HON. THOMAS E. PETRI**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today, I have introduced legislation to authorize a deduction from corporate income for dividends paid to stockholders. The stock market's continued sluggish performance makes this bill particularly timely. The Dividend Payment Incentive Act of 2002 will help to boost overall stock market performance by providing a very real incentive for investors to put their hard earned money back into the stock market.

Allowing corporations a deduction for dividends paid is important for many reasons, including:

This legislation will end the double taxation of dividends. Today, there is a 35 percent tax on corporate income and then stockholders also pay regular income tax on dividends received. An investor in the 27 percent tax bracket receives less than 48 cents for each dollar of earnings a corporation designates for dividend payments.

Current tax policy provides a disincentive for corporations to transfer earnings to shareholders, and dividend payments have declined significantly. In fact, many corporations make no dividend distributions. My legislation will help to reverse this trend.

Clearly, the expectation of receiving regular dividend payments from profitable companies can persuade investors to return their money to our equity markets. Investors relying solely on capital gains may find little reason to purchase stocks. Moreover, it has been estimated that dividends comprised half of the average return to shareholders in the decades before 1990. Without dividend payments, and few reliable capital gains, investors will remain on the sidelines.

An increasing number of Americans have come to equate their financial well-being with the health of the stock market. The growth of stock investments held in retirement savings accounts makes it clear that this link is real. Encouraging the regular payment of dividends by ending this double taxation will have a strong positive impact on the retirement prospects of many people.

There are a number of different ways to eliminate the double taxation of dividends, and some of these proposals have been introduced by some of our colleagues. Whatever the merits of those other proposals, none will have as direct an impact on the health of America's stock markets. Allowing the deduction of dividends from corporate income will provide a strong incentive to corporations to return to the practice of making regular dividend payments. In turn, these dividends will provide a positive reason for investors to come back to the market. The time has come to enact this important tax reform.

WE ARE "GREAT BECAUSE WE
ARE GOOD"

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, as we observe the remembrance of September 11th, it is my hope that the citizens of the United States will honor the legacy of those who lost their lives and pay tribute to their survivors in time honored American ways . . . like helping others in need, saying a kind word to a stranger, volunteering at a homeless shelter or sending relief to people around the world who we may never even meet. After all, our country is not great because of our military strength, our free enterprise system or even our right to vote (as awesome as these qualities are!). America is great as we give more than we take and as we are willing to serve and sacrifice for others.

We now know countless stories of heroism and remarkable bravery—passengers on flight 93 that had the courage to stand up to terrorists giving their lives to protect hundreds of others, a Lieutenant Colonial who died trying to get his co-workers to safety or a firefighter who ran up the stairs of a building that was coming down on top of him. Although they didn't sign up to fight in the trenches of the War on Terrorism, fire fighters, EMT's, law enforcement officers, medical professionals and even airline passengers were willing to lay down their lives for people they had never even met.

The sacrifice and courage of our first responders on September 11th caused a swell of pride in all Americans, of every generation. What we witnessed when America came under attack was comparable to the noble actions of the "Greatest Generation" veterans on D-day when they stormed the beaches of Normandy or in the lonely courage of American heroes in the jungles of Vietnam.

The United States of America is at her best not when the Dow Jones average is above 10,000 points, or when we land on the moon, but when our citizens are willing to sacrifice themselves so that others might be secure.

I participated in a historic joint-session of Congress at Federal Hall in New York City, laid a wreath at Ground Zero and spoke at a memorial service in a Brooklyn church. On Wednesday, September 11th I attended the National Memorial Service at the Pentagon with President George W. Bush and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. That evening I listened with the rest of the world to President Bush speak about this past year and America's security in an unstable world.

As we bow our heads in respect, let us all be committed to honoring our country and those that have gone before us by giving of ourselves to help others. After all, every day of life is a gift from God and none of us know which might be our last. Let us stay united and make the most of every day!

RECOGNIZING 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, good afternoon. I'm proud to stand up today in support of House Concurrent Resolution 472 that recognizes the 100th anniversary of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Both my wife and I, who I met when we were both Minnesota State 4-H Ambassadors, were born and have lived in rural Minnesota most of our lives.

Until graduating from college, I never lived in a town with more than one thousand people.

4-H enables kids to have fun, meet new people, learn new lifeskills, build self-confidence, learn responsibility, and set and achieve goals!

I will now recite the 4-H pledge

I pledge: My head to clear thinking; my heart to greater loyalty; my hands to larger service; my health to better living; for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

The World would do well to live by this pledge.

DEBORAH HORWITZ 2002 COLONEL
IRVING SALOMON HUMAN RELATIONS
AWARD WINNER

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Deborah Horwitz for her selection as the 2002 Colonel Irving Salomon Human Relations Award recipient and in recognition of her outstanding community and civic leadership.

A native of Evanston, Illinois, Deborah received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University and Master's Degree from Northwestern University. Deborah has devoted her life to her two passions: her family and the community.

Deborah served as President of the San Diego Chapter of the American Jewish Committee (1988–91) and has actively participated on many national AJC training institutes, commissions and task forces. She currently serves on the Boards of AJC's Belfer Center for American Pluralism and AJC's Project Interchange. She has also been appointed as a National Vice President of the American Jewish Committee—the first San Diegan to hold this honored position.

Deborah is also the Founder and former President of EdUCate!, a non-profit foundation supporting local public schools which is still being used as a model in other communities. In 1999, she was recognized for her support of public education and received the California Woman of the Year Award from the California State Legislature.

In addition, Deborah was on the founding steering committee of the San Diego County United Jewish Federation Task Force on Jewish Continuity and, during her five years of

service, assisted with the creation of several successful community-building projects.

Deborah currently serves on the boards of the Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies at San Diego State University and the Northwestern University Alumni Club of San Diego. She is a founding member of the San Diego Women's Foundation, whose mission is to educate women about philanthropy and to improve the greater San Diego community through intelligent, focused giving.

Deborah Horwitz exemplifies a true leader of our community. I offer my congratulations to her on the receipt of the prestigious 2002 Colonel Irving Salomon Human Relations Award.

REMARKS DELIVERED ON THE
FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF SEP-
TEMBER 11, 2002

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, we come here today, as one community, to reflect on the events of September 11, 2001. On that terrible day, a group of evil men murdered more than 3,000 innocent American men, women, and children—here on American soil—as their co-conspirators attempted to kill thousands more.

Today, we still mourn the loss of our fellow citizens: those trying to reach safety and those who deliberately placed themselves in harms way (who saved literally tens of thousands of their fellow Americans in the process). We will also never forget those who were injured and who are still suffering from the wounds, physical and emotional, that were inflicted upon them. We will never forget the heroism and sacrifice of those—many of whom are with us today—who responded immediately and selflessly, who prevented a terrible ordeal from being even worse.

While we will always continue to remember what happened, we must also continue our nation's effort to bring to justice and punish those who perpetrated these terrible acts and those who are planning new ones. Government's first priority is, after all, to protect the people, and as your representative in Congress, I assure you that Congress is working to see that our government meets our country's needs for our homeland security and for our national defense: from strengthening our borders, to improving law enforcement and intelligence capabilities, to ensuring that our military is fighting with superior forces and weapons. We never forget that we Americans depend on our government to protect us.

We are forever grateful to the men and women in law enforcement and in our armed forces, here and around the world, who put their lives at risk so that we may keep our country and her people safe and free.

Is America a perfect nation? Are we as individuals perfect people? No, America is not perfect, and none of us has ever met a perfect person. But what we have in America is the greatest nation the world has ever known—a country committed to freedom, democracy, and equal justice under the law. An imperfect country, but one whose principles of freedom of speech and expression allow us and even demand us to continually seek to make our

nation more perfect in its realization of our founding principles. We are still the shining beacon of hope and liberty for every nation in the world and every man, woman, and child on this planet.

Finally, we must always remember that in our 226 year history, America has prevailed over many more powerful enemies than the ones we face today. It took the lives and sacrifices of countless numbers of Americans. It took money. It took time. It took patience. And it took perseverance. But we prevailed. Make no mistake about it, my fellow Americans, America will prevail again today.

God bless you, my friends, and God bless the United States of America.

RECOGNITION OF GAREN AND SHARI STAGLIN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Garen and Shari Staglin for their many contributions to the mental health community. As founders of Napa Valley's Music Festival for Mental Health, they have raised community and regional awareness about the importance of mental health services, as well as millions of dollars for mental health research and treatment programs.

Approximately one in five Americans are affected by some form of mental illness. Underfunded research programs and professional shortages, however, mean that those who are suffering from mental diseases and disorders cannot always get the treatment they need.

As long-standing supporters of the mental health community, Garen and Shari Staglin saw this unmet need and made a personal commitment to support programs that research and treat mental illness. Garen and Shari actively work as both fundraisers, and educators, increasing community and national knowledge of mental disease as well as generating the funding that allows substantial progress in research and treatment.

Through the Music Festival for Mental Health, Garen, Shari, their family and their supporters have raised over \$8.6 million since 1995. Funds have been donated to a variety of mental health research and treatment programs including those focusing on brain disorders, schizophrenia, depression and bipolar disorders.

Garen and Shari have made a critical difference—but they have done so in the shadows. Not seeking any personal recognition for their efforts, they have advocated tirelessly on behalf of suffering people who may have never heard their name. They are not seeking fame or credit or even thanks; they would much prefer the spotlight to shine on the mental health community.

Desired or not, recognition is sincerely deserved. Garen and Shari's efforts have funded treatment programs, as well as the research that generates the medicines upon which many of those treatments are based. They have improved the lives of countless individuals, and they have done so with a quiet compassion and a singular focus that has prompted the involvement of their family, their friends and their community in their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Garen and Shari Staglin. I congratulate them on the phenomenal success of the Music Festival for Mental Health and I join the mental health community in thanking them for their outstanding efforts on behalf of mental illness.

PANCREATIC ISLET CELL TRANSPLANTATION ACT OF 2002

HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus I am pleased to introduce the Pancreatic Islet Cell Transplantation Act of 2002.

I know first-hand about the difficulty involved in managing this disease, as my daughter was diagnosed with diabetes when she was six. I have hope in the rapid pace of research in this area and believe that one day soon there will be a cure for my daughter and the millions of Americans with diabetes. The legislation we are introducing today is an important step toward this goal.

It is a promising time for research on diabetes, and those suffering from the disease and their families are filled with hope. One of the most exciting recent advances, and the focus of this legislation, is pancreatic islet cell transplantation. Many have hailed the breakthrough in this area as the most important advance in diabetes research since the discovery of insulin in 1921.

In 2000, researchers in Edmonton, Canada were successful in isolating islets from donor pancreases and transplanting those cells into a person with diabetes through an injection. These injected islets then begin to function and produce insulin, and this procedure appears to offer the most immediate cure for diabetes. This procedure has become known as the Edmonton Protocol and of the approximately 100 patients who have been transplanted using variations of this protocol, nearly 80 percent remain insulin independent beyond two years. The research is moving forward quickly, and researchers around the world are trying to replicate and expand on this success and make it appropriate for children. As of January 2002, there were 68 islet transplantation centers around the world.

I am proud that exciting advances are underway in the state of Washington. Recently, a clinical research team at the JDRF Center for Human Islet Transplantation in Seattle has performed the first three human islet transplants in the Northwest. All of these individuals were suffering the effects of advanced diabetes complications prior to receiving the transplant, and all three have now achieved critical post-transplant success in the management of their blood sugar levels. I am heartened to know that the Seattle program plans to continue their research in the future.

The Pancreatic Islet Cell Transplantation Act of 2002 contains three provisions that I believe will help to move this research forward. The first section of the bill provides a regulatory incentive to organ procurement organizations (OPOs) to procure additional pancreases. One of the major challenges in promoting research on and transplantation of islet cells is the shortage of pancreases. Approximately 2,000

pancreases are donated each year, and only approximately 500 of those donated are available for use in islet cell transplants. Clearly, this is not nearly a large enough supply considering that millions of Americans have diabetes. Currently, OPOs do not receive credit from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), towards their certification, for pancreases retrieved and used for research or islet transplantation. The OPOs do receive credit for pancreases retrieved and used for whole pancreas transplants. This creates a disincentive for OPOs to retrieve pancreases for research or islet transplantation. My legislation attempts to provide an incentive to OPOs by directing CMS to provide credit to OPOs for pancreases retrieved and used for research and islet transplantation.

The second section of this legislation creates a federal inter-agency committee to coordinate efforts in the area of islet transplantation and to make recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services on regulations and policies that would advance this exciting area of research.

Ultimately, the goal is to expand the human clinical trials, demonstrate success over a longer period of time, and move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to standard therapy covered by insurance and appropriate for all individuals with diabetes. The third section of this legislation directs the Institute of Medicine to conduct a study on clinical outcomes and comprehensive cost-utility analysis that will be important in moving towards this goal.

I encourage all of my colleagues to join with me in supporting this important legislation.

PRESERVING THE LEGACY OF AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank my colleagues for your support of H.R. 3815, the Presidential Historic Site Study Act, a bipartisan bill I offered earlier this year.

This bill simply begins the normal process for preserving an important American presidential landmark. American Presidents are a hallmark of our society. The way in which Americans forever remember leadership of the "greatest nation" is through their policies, their words, and through the people and places that have shaped their lives. We place a great significance on the homes of Presidents because they are a part of our nation's history. They are where our leaders formed the beliefs and values that shaped their decisions and legacies. Anyone who has visited Mt. Vernon, Monticello, or Abraham Lincoln's birthplace at Spring Creek has felt a sense of the historic value of where they stood and what they saw. The birthplace home of President William Jefferson Clinton holds a piece of our presidential history, and it is only fitting for it to be designated as a National Historic Site.

I share the unique opportunity of being the Representative of former President Clinton's birthplace home, Hope, Arkansas. In fact, I am a 1979 graduate of Hope High School. In that small town called Hope, President Clinton was educated and encouraged by a loving family in

a home at 117 South Hervey Street. This home stands as a marker of his heritage.

The Clinton Birthplace Foundation was formed several years ago, and has successfully renovated the home, turning it into a museum and visitors center. Today, the home is a tourist attraction on a local scale, and the Clinton Birthplace foundation is looking to have the home placed on the National Register of Historic Places as a National Landmark. In order for this to happen, a feasibility study must be completed. This study is only the first step in a lengthy process. H.R. 3815 will set this process in motion by authorizing the feasibility study.

The eventual designation as a National Historic Site will open the doors of economic opportunity by way of added tourism to Southwest Arkansas. Thirty-one of my fellow colleagues are cosponsoring this legislation with me, including the complete Arkansas delegation. Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, a Republican, is also supportive of this study. Arkansans view this home as part of our state history. This is not about politics, but instead about the rich history of Arkansas and our Nation. This site will help to celebrate that history and educate thousands of visitors, and perhaps most importantly, it will bring jobs, opportunities, and economic development to a part of our district that greatly needs it.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL PAUL J.
RICHTER

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, On 31 July 2002, Colonel Paul J. Richter retired as the Support Group Commander of the 174th Fighter Wing, New York Air National Guard in Syracuse, New York. He assumed this position in January 1994, and was responsible for over 100 full-time and 300 traditional guardsmen.

He was previously assigned as the Deputy Commander for Resources from 1987–1994, during which time he was activated in December 1990 to Al Kharj Air Base, Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Storm, until the base deactivated in July 1991.

Colonel Richter was born on 28 November 1948 in St Louis, Missouri. He graduated St. Mary's High School in 1967, and attended St. Louis University on an AFROTC scholarship earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. His professional military education includes Squadron Officers School, 1984; Air Command and Staff School, 1986; and Air War College, Oct 1995.

Col Richter began his military career in 1971, gaining his commission in the Air Force through AFROTC. He was assigned to the 4789th Air Base Group, Hancock Field in Syracuse, New York. He served there for four years and was assigned to various staff positions in the Civil Engineering Squadron.

Col Richter entered the New York Air National Guard 174th Tactical Fighter Group's Civil Engineering Flight in 1975 as the full time Base Civil Engineer and traditional Engineering Staff Officer. He held numerous positions in the flight until assuming command in 1983. Subsequently, in 1987 he was assigned as the Deputy Commander for Resources. Upon activation

for Operation Desert Storm, he was assigned as Assistant Deputy Commander for Resources at Al Kharj Air Base, Saudi Arabia. After the end of hostilities, he was given the job of Deputy Commander for Resources until the base deactivated in July of 1991. In December of 1998, he was selected for the Georgetown Capitol Hill Government Affairs Fellowship in Washington, D.C. from January until December 1999. During this fellowship, he was assigned to my staff where he worked closely on Military Construction and VA–HUD sub-committee assignments, as well as the FY00 Defense Appropriations Bill. More recently, Col Richter was assigned as the First Commander for the Air Component for the military response to the World Trade Center attacks.

His military decorations include the Bronze Star, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor device and 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with 1 device, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 devices and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. His state awards include the New York State Long and Faithful Service Award, Operation Desert Storm Medal, and the Conspicuous Service Cross. Col Richter was promoted to his present rank and federally recognized on 3 Mar 99.

TRIBUTE TO MARCIA McQUERN—
PUBLISHER, EDITOR, PRESIDENT
AND CEO OF THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside County, CA, are exceptional. The County of Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to making their communities a better place to live and work. Marcia McQuern is one of these individuals. On October 1, 2002, Marcia will be retiring after 30 years of dedicated service to the community as the Publisher, Editor, President and CEO of The Press Enterprise, the dominant news source for the Inland Empire. Her outstanding work in communicating with the public, in addition to her personal involvement in the community, will be celebrated at a luncheon her honor on October 8, 2002.

Marcia obtained her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Santa Barbara and served as the editor of the student newspaper. She later obtained her master's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

In her 30 years of exemplary employment with The Press Enterprise, Marcia has worked as the executive editor, managing editor/News, deputy managing editor/News, and city editor as well as holding numerous reporting positions. In 1992 she was named president of The Press Enterprise and in 1994 she was named publisher and editor. Under her excellent leadership the newspaper's daily circulation increased from 116,000 to more than 185,000.

Marcia has also been an actively involved in the community and industry, currently serving as a member and former president of the board of the California Newspaper Publishers Association. Marcia also serves on the board of the Riverside Community College Foundation; the University of California, Riverside (UCR) Foundation; the Mt. San Jacinto College Foundation; the Inland Empire Economic Partnership; and the Community Foundation for the Western Center for Archaeology and Paleontology. She is also a member of the Monday Morning Group, the Murrieta-Temecula Group and on the board of visitors for the UCR's College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. Marcia has also served as a member of the boards of the American Society of Newspaper Editors; California Society of Newspaper Editors; the California Press Association; the University of California, Santa Barbara, Alumni Association; the editorial board of California Lawyer Magazine; and as a Pulitzer Prize juror.

In recognition of her outstanding work in the community, Marcia has been honored by the University of California, Santa Barbara as its Distinguished Alumni Award recipient in 2001; was inducted into the UCR Women's Hall of Fame in 1998; recognized as the California Press Association's Newspaper Executive of the Year in 2000; and honored as the Riverside YWCA Woman of Achievement in 1994.

Marcia's tireless work as the Publisher, Editor, President and CEO of The Press Enterprise has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of Riverside County. Her involvement in community organizations makes me proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that all of the residents of Riverside County are grateful for her service and salute her as she departs The Press Enterprise. I look forward to working with her in the future for the good of our community.

HONORING AN AMERICAN HERO:
HAROLD "BUTCH" HOLDEN

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Harold "Butch" Holden upon his retirement after 34 years as a Boys & Girls Clubs of America professional. After working his way through college in various positions with the San Diego and El Cajon Clubs, Butch launched a Boys & Girls Club career marked by great success and accomplishment. The Boys & Girls Clubs of America is losing a great man.

Over the years, Butch ran Clubs in Lewiston, Idaho; Anchorage, Alaska; Portland, Oregon; and, Santa Barbara County, California. He then was named Pacific Regional Vice President for Boys & Girls Clubs of America's national office, where he was responsible for the development and oversight of hundreds of local Clubs, serving hundreds of thousands of young people. From 1996 to present day, he closed out his career by building an organization consisting of nine Clubs now known as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Oregon. All along the way, Butch has guided and looked after the young people in his Clubs as if they were his own children.

From 1967 to 1971, Butch served our country as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, rising to the rank of Captain. He served two tours in Vietnam as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander, and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action against superior enemy forces, two Bronze Stars for valor, three Purple Hearts, a Navy Commendation Medal for valor, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with silver star, and the Combat Action Ribbon. All of these were personal decorations.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Butch Holden, a true American hero. Butch Holden is a man who has served his country in war and in peace. He has truly made it his life's mission to make America a better and safer place for our young people. Butch Holden has earned our respect and is a shining example of why America is the greatest nation on the face of the earth.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MARIANNE
AND DONALD KLEKAMP

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marianne and Donald Klekamp, dear friends and community leaders, who will be honored at the 4th Annual Brain Injury Awards Dinner in Cincinnati on September 27, 2002.

Marianne and Don are both Cincinnati natives who have made a tremendous difference in our area. Marianne received a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from the University of Cincinnati in 1956. Don received a Bachelor of Arts with honors from Xavier University in 1954, and went on to earn his law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in 1957.

Marianne and Don were married in July, 1957. They briefly left the Cincinnati area while Don worked as a tax attorney in Cleveland with U.S. Steel Corporation. However, in 1959, they moved back to Cincinnati, when Don accepted a position with the law firm of Keating & Muething, P.L.L., as it was known back then. Forty-three years later, Don is still working hard as a Senior Partner at the same firm, now known as Keating, Muething & Klekamp, P.L.L. Don is an excellent lawyer, and is regularly included in the Best Lawyers in America.

Don's success at Keating, Muething & Klekamp, P.L.L., would not have been possible without Marianne's hard work and dedication to their family and home. While raising their five children, Amy, Molly, Rebecca, Jody, and Peter, Marianne provided support to Don in his law practice and to his community activities.

Marianne and Don have also given a great deal to our local community. In addition to their children's school related activities, Marianne served as President of Cotillion, and more recently as a member of the Cincinnati Nutrition Council. Don recently served for eight years on the Indian Hill Council, the last four as Mayor of the Village. He also was a board member of the Indian Hill Historical Society, the Greater Cincinnati Dental Care Foundation

of Children's Hospital, and the Citizens for Community Values. Don also was president of the Cincinnati Citizens Police Association, a former trustee of the Madeira and Indian Hill Joint Fire District and of the University of Cincinnati Foundation. In addition, Don is a founder and past president of the Ohio Right to Life Society, and he has received a number of awards and honors, including the Trustee's Award of the Cincinnati Bar Association and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Xavier University.

Don currently serves on the Dean's Board of Visitors of the University of Cincinnati College of Law, and on the boards of the Legal Aid Society and the National Coalition of the Protection of Children and Families and Life Issues Institute. Don also serves on the board of directors for a number of companies, including Cintas Corporation.

Marianne and Don recently established the Donald P. Klekamp Professorship of Law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and helped establish a scholarship in the Honors AB Program at Xavier University. They also were instrumental in providing funding for the acquisition and remodeling of the Donald P. Klekamp Community Law Center, the new location of the Legal Aid Society, which provides legal services to the poor and disadvantaged in Southwestern Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, Marianne and Don are outstanding individuals who have really made a difference in the Cincinnati area. All of us in Southwestern Ohio are thankful for their countless contributions to our community as they are honored at the 4th Annual Brain Injury Awards Dinner.

TRIBUTE TO LOUIS AND
JOSEPHINE KOSON

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Louis and Josephine Koson on celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary this past August 29, 2002. This extraordinary couple embodies true commitment. They possess a love and dedication for each other that is remarkable.

Louis and Josephine met and married while Louis was an Air Force Military Police officer during World War II. They went on to have two children: John and Loretta. By way of their children, Louis and Josephine now have one grandchild, Tommy, and two great grandchildren, Sean and Matthew. I am proud to share their story with you.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation understands the value of strong families. Louis and Josephine are an example to us all that love endures all things. I hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing their successful marriage and their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

SIGNING THE DISCHARGE PETITION FOR H.R. 1343, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with my colleagues in demanding that Congress consider comprehensive hate crimes legislation. I hope my colleagues will join me in signing this discharge petition to bring H.R. 1343, the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, to the floor for an immediate vote.

H.R. 1343 will expand the scope of the current Federal Hate Crimes Law by including crimes motivated by bias against a victim's sexual orientation, gender, or disability. It will help crack down on hate crimes by providing technical, forensic, and prosecutorial assistance to State and local law enforcement. It will also make grants available to State and local governments who have incurred great costs in investigating and prosecuting these crimes.

Unlike the Republican Leadership, I do not see violence based on prejudice as some abstract legal concept. I disagree that hate crimes cannot be discerned from other types of violence and thus do not deserve special penalties under the law.

Crimes based on hate must be viewed for their real consequence. Hate crimes are not just violent acts perpetrated upon an individual because of their skin color, gender, sexual orientation, or religion. This is wrong enough. But these crimes are also intended to terrorize a whole community of people, to let them know they too are susceptible to violence solely because of who they are or what they believe.

Hate crimes are also a direct assault upon the fundamental ideals of our Nation. They undermine our basic commitment to freedom, equality, and justice. They unbind the bonds of community and imperil the common character—and common decency—we aspire to as Americans.

The Republican Leadership ignores this greater threat alongside the real life impact these crimes can have on our citizens and communities. In my own district—one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse in the Nation—hate crimes are not merely a cause for worry and concern, they are a reality.

In each of the communities I represent, people of different origins and backgrounds, religions and cultures live together as neighbors. But, there is always the prospect that they will be faced with acts of discrimination and violence.

Some of my constituents in Hayward have responded to this threat by launching their own effort against racial discrimination called the No Room for Racism campaign. They passed an ordinance condemning hatred and discrimination in their city and have inspired similar efforts in other communities. Their effort is the basis of the No Room for Racism resolution I introduced in Congress this year.

These constituents would tell each of us in this House that a comprehensive hate crimes law is a necessity—not only to protect them from senseless reprisals, but also to uphold the character and decency of the larger community in which they live and raise their children.

September 11th has led to many pronouncements that Americans have come to reaffirm the moral imperatives on which our Nation was founded. But, its aftermath has also shown the immediacy of taking real steps to protect people's lives. Already, Federal authorities have seen a rise in violence against Arab Americans with nearly 5,000 documented incidents and several murders motivated by prejudice. This is in addition to countless acts of violence that are reported every year against African Americans, Asian Americans, Jews, gays and lesbians, and women among other minorities. The facts show that it is time that we enforce a no tolerance policy on acts of hate.

I urge my colleagues to stand up for our Nation's ideals, to stand united against hatred and intolerance, and demand action on this important hate crimes legislation.

IN HONOR OF THE ARMENIAN
EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF HOLLYWOOD'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to honor the Armenian Evangelical Church of Hollywood. On November 23, 2002, the church will celebrate its 20th Anniversary and we would like to offer our congratulations and good wishes on this most noteworthy occasion.

The Armenian Evangelical Church of Hollywood, founded in May of 1982, began as a ministry created by the Rev. Abraham Jizmejjan and the Rev. Abraham Chaparian. The Hollywood Pastoral Ministry, as it was designated in the early days of the church, offered church services, fellowship groups, Bible study and a variety of other pastoral services.

In June of 1982, after the current day church had been formed, the church was officially accepted by the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America and from that time, the church has devoutly served its community. Today, the congregation numbers over 250 and is served by a number of church ministries, including Sunday school, men's and women's fellowship, Bible study and youth ministry.

Over the years, the church has always made a special commitment to the youth of its congregation and community. It was from this commitment that the church, nine years ago, founded New Direction For Armenian Youth, to serve at risk youth in church and surrounding areas. The program has helped countless young people and their families in coping with many of the harmful influences that pervade many of our communities.

We ask all Members of Congress to join us in honoring the Armenian Evangelical Church of Hollywood on the church's 20th Anniversary and wish the church many fulfilling days to come.

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL
RECREATION AREA

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2001

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 941, the Rancho Corral de Tierra Golden Gate Boundary Adjustment Act. This bill contains several provisions that will enhance preservation of our natural and cultural resources in California.

I applaud my colleague from California, Representative LANTOS, for championing the expansion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in San Mateo County. This bill would add close to five thousand acres to the park, including Rancho Corral de Tierra, one of the largest undeveloped properties on the San Francisco Peninsula and one of the few remaining ranchos from the era of Spanish land grants.

This acquisition, conducted through a public-private partnership, will allow the park service to protect spectacular views, three complete watersheds, and habitat of rare and endangered species and plants.

Of great importance for the future of the park, S. 941 also reauthorizes the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Point Reyes National Seashore Advisory Commission. The Commission was established thirty years ago to provide for the free exchange of ideas between the National Park Service and the public, and it has ably carried out this mission.

I wish to acknowledge and thank all the members of the Commission for their dedicated service to the GGNRA and public, with special thanks to Chairman Richard Bartke and Vice Chair Amy Meyer. The GGNRA is one of the most complex parks in the country, and its diversity and vibrancy is due in no small part to the efforts of the Advisory Commission.

I look forward to working with Rep. LANTOS, my colleagues on the Resources Committee, and my colleagues in the Senate to ensure that this bill is signed into law before Congress adjourns this year.

AMERICAN FRONTIERS: A PUBLIC
LANDS JOURNEY

HON. CHRIS CANNON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, from Native Americans to Mormon Pioneers to today's western travelers, people have long been captivated by the unique and beautiful landscape of my state. Utah's steep mountains, broad valleys, ancient rock formations and unique natural resources continue to draw visitors and many of my fellow Utahns to our public lands where a wide variety of outdoor activities can be enjoyed.

This coming Saturday, September 28, 2002, Utah and the Nation will celebrate National Public Lands Day. In Salt Lake City, we will welcome a special group of folks that spent the last two months on an incredible expedi-

tion. American Frontiers: A Public Lands Journey, is an educational project bringing the public lands story to life for thousands of school children and interested adults. Two teams of adventurers have been traveling entirely on public lands as they make their way from Canada and Mexico through six states on over 3,000 miles of rivers and trails, following in the pathways of pioneers and acting as modern explorers. American Frontiers has been made possible by a partnership involving dozens of organizations led by National Geographic Society, the U.S. Department of Interior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, American Honda and the Coleman Company.

These modern explorers have produced wonderful and thoughtful stories about the diversity and value of the lands they traveled through in Utah and other states. I look forward to welcoming these adventurers to my home state on Saturday, and encourage every citizen to embrace the legacy of America's most beautiful lands on that day.

A TRIBUTE TO DARRYL HEUSTIS
FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
VETERANS

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to pay tribute to Dr. Darryl Gordon Heustis, who has made his entire medical career one of service to our Nation's veterans. After 25 years at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Administration Medical Center in Loma Linda, California, Dr. Heustis is retiring today as the medical center's chief of staff.

In our modern, fast-paced, mobile world, it's rare to find a homegrown talent who grows up to serve his community as well as Dr. Heustis has in the Inland Empire. A native of Riverside, Darryl Heustis received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of California, Riverside, and an MD from Loma Linda University. He completed his residency in pathology in 1977 at Loma Linda University Medical Center, and immediately went to work for the nearby Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Administration Medical Center.

The medical center was newly completed in 1977, and Dr. Heustis became one of the original employees. He served as Director of Laboratories until 1986, and then Chief of Laboratory Service for the next three years. He continued his education even as he worked full time in these jobs, and in 1983 received a masters degree in management from Claremont Graduate School. In 1989 Dr. Heustis was named Vice President of Medical Affairs, and has served as the medical center's chief of staff to this day.

During his career at the medical center, Dr. Heustis has helped ease the transition of the Veterans Administration from a hospital-room oriented facility to one that provides care to most veterans on an outpatient basis. Although the number of beds at the medical center has been reduced from 500 to 97, patient visits have grown to more than 340,000 a year. I applaud Dr. Heustis for meeting the prime responsibility of providing the very best care to our Nation's veterans, while at the

same time ensuring that Americans get maximum value from the taxes they pay.

Dr. Heustis has been a champion in the drive to ensure that our veterans are satisfied with the treatment they receive at the Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center. Under his leadership, the staff has met every challenge and has gained a reputation for quality care and sensitive treatment of veterans.

Over the years, the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center has become highly respected as a teaching hospital. Working in close affiliation with Loma Linda University Medical Center, the VA medical center has provided a training ground for student doctors for nearly two decades. With its international reputation as a medical innovator, Loma Linda University has provided many benefits for the veterans at the VA, as well.

Dr. Heustis has taken a direct role in this relationship as a professor of pathology at the university, co-medical director of the School of Cytotechnology, and associate dean for veterans affairs. He has also published numerous articles in medical journals, and been a regular presenter at scientific symposiums. He has been named the "highest-rated lecturer" at sixteen symposiums since 1986, and received the Scissors Award from the Healthcare Leadership Institute in 2000.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Darryl Heustis has met the highest professional standards as a medical doctor, ensured top-notch care for hundreds of thousands of veterans, and overseen the education of countless student doctors over the past 25 years. Please join me in thanking him for his service to his community and our Nation, and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

RESOLUTIONS TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST IRAQ

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, Members of Congress face few decisions as important for their constituents as the issue of war or peace—sending young men and women into combat. And now, protecting Americans from terror attacks in the U.S. is equally vital. These crucial questions truly call for us to put aside political calculation and do what is right and best for America. These issues also call for us to resist a rush to judgment. We must take time to ensure that they are carefully weighed and thoroughly aired.

I oppose the resolution requested by President Bush that would give him a blank check to start a war against Iraq at any time and in any manner that he chooses. This clearly is too broad. It authorizes the President to act unilaterally no matter what the U.N. decides or does. That would abdicate congressional responsibility and is reminiscent of the equally open-ended Tonkin Gulf Resolution in 1964. It also fails to limit his authority to working within the U.N. framework on peaceful measures to enforce U.N. sanctions. Finally, the President's proposal embodies his alarming new doctrine of pre-emptive U.S. attacks on other nations even when they pose no imminent threat to the U.S.

Instead, I join with many of my colleagues who support a more sensible, more justified

and far less dangerous position: we advocate that the U.S. pursue inspections through the U.N., while continuing to deter Saddam Hussein, as we have been able to do for the past decade. To implement this view, we have introduced an alternative resolution endorsing President Bush's request for U.N. inspections.

The Administration simply has not made the case that Iraq threatens the United States with weapons of mass destruction, and that we are in such imminent danger of attack that U.S. military action is either the prudent or the justified course. Everyone agrees that Saddam Hussein is a very brutal dictator. He has: ruthlessly repressed his own people; committed aggression in the past; violated U.N. sanctions; sought to develop weapons of mass destruction; and remained hostile to the United States.

But that does not end the matter, for two reasons. First, the same could be said for any number of other countries, such as North Korea, China, and Iran. Will the U.S. attack each of them, and others, because some day they might be able to threaten us with weapons of mass destruction?

Second, even if a "regime change" in Iraq is desirable, that does not justify taking military action when it would risk so many dangers to America. Attacking Iraq will increase rather than decrease the likelihood of Saddam Hussein's launching whatever weapons he does have against Israel, against our other allies, or against U.S. forces stationed in that region—a risk that even Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld acknowledged in recent congressional testimony. At present, Hussein is deterred by our threat of retaliatory destruction. He knows that, if he were to use weapons of mass destruction against us, then we would retaliate and destroy him. There is no evidence that Hussein seeks to commit suicide. But if we attack first, after announcing an intent to wipe him out, then what reason would he have to hold back?

A U.S. attack poses other severe dangers: American military commanders fear it would dilute our fight against al Qaida. We have not yet captured those who killed thousands of Americans, and who, we know, are still trying to kill more. That is job number one.

America's attacking Iraq alone would ignite a firestorm of anti-American fervor in the Middle East and Muslim world and breed thousands of new potential terrorists.

As we see in Afghanistan, there would be chaos and inter-ethnic conflict following Saddam's departure. A post-war agreement among them to cooperate peacefully in a new political structure would not be self-executing. Iraq would hardly become overnight a shining "model democracy" for the Middle East. We would need a U.S. peacekeeping force and nation-building efforts there for years. Despite rosy predictions that the Iraqi people would welcome our soldiers and aid workers with open arms, they would be arriving after years of U.S.-led economic sanctions, followed by violent U.S. bombing and combat. They will be the constant target of local hostility and terrorist attacks.

If we violate the U.N. Charter and unilaterally assault another country when it is not yet a matter of necessary self-defense, then we will set a dangerous precedent, paving the way for any other nation that chooses to do so, too, including those with nuclear weapons such as India and Pakistan and China.

We will trigger an arms-race of nations accelerating and expanding their efforts to develop weapons of destruction, so that they can deter "pre-emptive" hostile action by the U.S. Do we really want to open this Pandora's box?

The war, plus the need to rebuild Iraq and create a united, peaceful country, would cost billions of dollars badly needed at home. For millions of Americans, the biggest threat to their security in the lack of decent wage jobs, health insurance or affordable housing for their families. For senior citizens, it is their need to choose between buying enough food and buying prescription drugs. Indeed, most Americans are more frightened about security at our airports than about some strutting dictator thousands of miles away. Yet the Bush Administration's deficit budget won't even permit meeting the year-end deadline for installing new baggage and passenger screening systems to protect us against an immediate threat here at home.

The huge costs of war and nation building, which will increase our deficit, along with the impact of the likely sharp rise in oil prices, will deal a double-barreled blow to our currently fragile economy.

If it were plausible that we had to attack Iraq now, in order to head off strategic threats to the United States in the near future—and if alternatives had been exhausted, then that overriding concern might justify the risk of all these harmful consequences that are certain to follow U.S. military action. But the Bush Administration has not presented persuasive evidence that Saddam will soon be able to threaten America with weapons of mass destruction, or that he is likely to use them against us. Until then, a U.S. pre-emptive attack makes no sense, in light of the risks it would create and the clear harm it would cause to our national interests.

In fact, it is precisely because they lack such evidence that the President, Secretary Rumsfeld and Vice President CHENEY have increasingly downplayed claims of an impending nuclear threat from Iraq and have switched to elaborating on what a bad person Saddam has been.

But such a departure from the principles of our tradition—an unprovoked attack initiated by the U.S.—cannot be justified merely because we would prefer another regime in Baghdad, or because someday Saddam Hussein might present an actual strategic threat to U.S. security.

In addition, Americans should ask the White House and the Congress about the timing of the vote on any IRAQ resolution. What's the rush? According to press reports, our military leaders have made clear they will not be ready to launch an attack for months, and would prefer to do so in January or February. Why, then, do we need to decide such a complex and consequential issue in a few days? Why cut short the national debate to which the American people are entitled? Is it because the Administration is aware that a growing number of Americans are troubled by all of the unanswered questions? Americans are puzzled why Iraq has suddenly become such a threat that the White House is prepared to go to war and shed the blood of American men and women, not to mention great numbers of innocent Iraqi civilians.

They are right to ask. What has changed in the last six months or year that suddenly makes an attack on Iraq the leading item on

the Administration's agenda? All of the reasons now being cited by the White House—Hussein's bad character, his past behavior, the outstanding unfulfilled U.N. resolutions and his continued pursuit of strategic weaponry—were equally true back then.

I would hope that this headlong rush to judgment does not have anything to do with the November elections.

I expect the Bush Administration to present very soon some conveniently last-minute "new evidence" in order to support its promised new National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) assessing Iraq's capabilities. It is very odd that, as of last week—so many months after Iraq had become the leading headline issue—the Administration had still not completed an all-source, inter-agency assessment of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and future capacity:

Is this because the White House knew it would be unhappy with the result?

Is it because the Administration was unable to pressure all of the intelligence agencies to reach the "right" conclusions?

Is it because the White House has been pressing the Intelligence Community to find some new "evidence" that could be artfully interpreted to support Administration policy?

Mr. Speaker, It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that one or more of these considerations played a role in the otherwise inexplicable delay. Therefore, I have asked the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Intelligence to vigorously investigate what dissents any of the intelligence agencies may have registered from the NIE's overall conclusions, from its component findings and from its assumption—either in the final document, or in earlier comments on discussion drafts.

This summer, several major newspapers reported that senior officers at the Pentagon, including members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff did not believe that Iraq posed a sufficient threat to the U.S. to warrant the risks and the costs of a war. Now they apparently have been brought on board a White House war train that is about to leave the station. Why have they suddenly reversed their position? I trust their initial professional judgment.

In these tense times, we should keep in mind the recent warning from another military leader, General Anthony Zinni, who was Marine Commandant and also has headed our Armed Forces Central Command, which guards our interests in the Middle East. He currently is a key advisor on that region to the Administration. General Zinni reminded us that military commanders, who know the full horrors of war are hesitant to plunge ahead unless the national interest is clearly at stake, while those who have never worn a uniform or seen combat often are the ones who most easily and enthusiastically beat the drums of war.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, due to business in my district, I was unable to vote during the following rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated: rollcall No. 400

"yea"; rollcall No. 401 "yea"; rollcall No. 402 "yea"; and rollcall No. 403 "yea."

COMMEMORATION OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. NICK J. RAHALL, II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, "We must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill," the Puritan preacher John Winthrop proclaimed, as he and his followers sailed for America and freedom. "The eyes of all people are upon us." And so they have remained for nearly four centuries. Many have looked to us in awe, inspired by a nation rooted in liberty. Others have hated the ideal we embody, and wished us ill. But none can remove us from their gaze.

Today, America's economic prosperity, military power, and technological advancement are without peer. Our daily comforts and conveniences exceed those available to most of the six billion people who inhabit the earth. But the ease of our lives does not render us soft, or reluctant to retaliate when attacked. A year ago, all the world watched in horror as a small gang of wicked men took three thousand innocent lives in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

Since the moment the first airplane struck the first tower, Americans have shown, both on the battlefield and at home, the strength of our spirit, the mettle of our souls, and the force of our arms. From the firefighters climbing to their deaths, to the airline passengers who battled back, to the precious West Virginia sons and daughters who gave their lives in Afghanistan, the world has witnessed acts of American selflessness and bravery that rival the most revered in the annals of human history.

Just as Winthrop defined America's place in the world, he described how we must live to maintain it. "We must delight in each other," he instructed. "Make others' conditions our own; rejoice together; mourn together; labor and suffer together." Our whole nation suffered the same grievous wound on September 11. Those who delivered the blow hoped it would inaugurate our destruction. Instead, they inspired America's return to the community values and mutual commitment upon which our country was built.

The attacks, the ongoing war, and the continuing threats spur us to embrace again our founding ideas: that all men and women are created equal; that America's destiny is the world's destiny—to secure life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that we cannot allow the centuries-old, world-wide fight for freedom to falter. This recollection of our original rights and responsibilities is a fitting tribute, is an apt memorial, to the lives that were lost and devastated on that sad September day.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DOROTHY "DOTTIE" KAY JACKSON

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Ms. WATSON of California. Mr. Speaker, Dorothy Kay Jackson was born on July 1, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan. She was the third child born to Lawrence Homer Moore, Sr. and Edna Moore Osborne who preceded her in death. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her second father, Willis "Pops" Osbornes and her brother, John Alfred Moore. The family moved from Detroit in the summer of 1945 to Los Angeles. Dorothy attended public schools in Los Angeles and graduated from Los Angeles High School with honors in 1961.

As a youngster, "Dottie" as she was known to her family, was introduced to the arts at an early age taking up tap dance, piano, and choral lessons. Her love of music and the arts continued throughout her life. Baptized at Trinity Baptist Church, Dorothy accepted Christ at an early age. She attended church regularly and participated in Sunday school and bible classes. She continued her involvement in church activities until her health failed.

An old African proverb states that "It takes a whole village to raise a child." Dorothy epitomized this concept which became a reality in the community where she grew up known as the Hobart Street "village"—a group of families in her neighborhood who bonded and acted as a family unit. Dottie gave music lessons to younger children in the neighborhood and continued to teach Music throughout her high school and college career. Although members of the village settled in areas world wide—Poland, Paris, Massachusetts, Arizona, and of course California—the Hobart family remains united and in touch today.

Dorothy attended public schools in Los Angeles and graduated from L.A. High School with honors in 1959. She earned an A.A. Degree at East Los Angeles Junior College. While attending East Los Angeles, she met and married Charles G. Jackson in 1962. From this union one daughter, Shelley Darnell Jackson, was born. Dorothy demonstrated diligence, dedication and determination in family matters. While she was pursuing her education, she provided exemplary care and nurturing to her daughter and children of other family members. Later she received a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts Degree at California State University, Los Angeles.

In 1966 she began her career and pursuit of excellence in education for children by working in the Early Childhood Education Program at Normandie Avenue School and subsequently accepted a fourth-grade teaching position at Sixth Avenue School. This devoted educator served the Los Angeles Unified School District for 33 years as a Teacher, Title I Coordinator, Area Advisor, Assistant Principal and Principal. Her last administrative assignment was Principal at Glen Feliz Elementary School. Due to her commitment to and understanding of education, she was appointed to the California Textbook Commission by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown in 1991.

Dottie, a multi-talented educator, made tremendous contributions to the school and community and received many honors and accolades including the "Woman of the Year" from

the California State Legislature. A scholarship was established in her name by BAPAC and continues today. She was actively involved in politics serving as the Chair of the Los Angeles Black American Political Association of California (BAPAC), President of the National Association of Minority Political Women (NAMPW), and a founding member of Los Angeles African American Women's Political Action Committee (LAAAWPAC). She was also a member of the Council of Black Administrators, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Associated of Administrators of Los Angeles, and the New Frontier Democratic Club.

Dottie was well-traveled, spiritual, and an avid reader. She enjoyed going to movies, to plays and to political activities with her sister and friends, often bragging and telling you about the many accomplishments of her granddaughter, Dannielle Bowman.

Even though she was diagnosed at an early age with Lupus, she lived a full, active, and productive professional and personal life as evidenced by her many achievements and activities. Dorothy endured many years of aches and pains. But she never lost faith because she was grounded in the spirit of Christ. On September 11, 2002 after many physical battles she answered God's call.

She leaves to cherish her memory a devoted husband, Charles G. Jackson; one daughter, Shelley Jackson; a granddaughter, Dannielle Bowman; one sister, Gwen Moore Dobson (Ron); two brothers, Lawrence H. Moore (La Verne) and Arnold Osborne (Ellen); three brothers-in-law, William Jackson (Barbara), Gary Cooper (Brenda), and Johnny Charles Cooper (Shirley); five sisters-in-law, Karen Woo (Victor), Gwen, Patrice, Deniece and Jan Cooper; father-in-law, James L. Jackson (Shirley); two nephews, Ron Dobson (Tina) and Marc Moore (Tammie); two nieces, Lawri and Lani Moore; grand niece, Christina Carr; grand nephew, Dylan, Trey and Mason; and a host of friends and relatives.

IN HONOR OF ANN KAPLAN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ann Kaplan, who is celebrating her 25th anniversary at Goldman Sachs & Co. A Managing Director at Goldman Sachs, Ms. Kaplan is one of the rare individuals who is a successful Captain of Industry and pragmatic idealist who finds ways to implement her ideas.

Joining Goldman Sachs in 1977, Ms. Kaplan quickly gained the respect of her colleagues for her hard work and strong management skills. She became a Partner in 1990 and a Managing Director in 1996. Currently, she is a member of the Investment Management Division and heads a group devoted to enhancing Goldman Sachs's outreach to private, corporate and governmental women clients worldwide. Previously, Ms. Kaplan managed Goldman Sachs's Municipal Bond business, where she was responsible for finance, syndicate, sales and trading of Municipal debt instruments, as well as financial advisory services for governmental and non-profit organizations.

As a measure of the esteem of her colleagues, Ms. Kaplan was asked to chair the

Municipal Securities Division of The Bond Market Association and became a Board member of the Municipal Forum. Ms. Kaplan has also been active in the internal management of Goldman Sachs, having chaired the Firmwide Diversity Committee and served on the firm's Pension Services Board Committee, Partner's Practices Committee and Charitable Contributions Committee.

Ms. Kaplan is well known as a mentor to her colleagues, particularly young women. Studies show that women are most likely to be successful in business when they have a strong mentor, and Ms. Kaplan has undoubtedly helped many women find the path toward success. Ms. Kaplan is a member of The Committee of 200, a prominent women's business organization, and Chairwoman of the C200 Northeast Region. She also serves on the Boards of Smith College, the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York the Women's Leadership Board of the John F. Kennedy School of Government and the New York City Public/Private Initiatives Corporation, among others.

Recognizing that many young women graduate college ill-equipped to manage their personal finances, Ms. Kaplan and Goldman Sachs gave \$2.5 million to create the Center for Women's Financial Independence at Smith College. The program supports a financial 'boot camp' to educate seniors on personal financial issues as they near graduation. Financial literacy is particularly important for women, because women live longer than men but spend less time in the labor force and typically earn less money. According to a survey commissioned by Oppenheimer Funds, 53% of single woman ages 21 to 34 live paycheck to paycheck, compared with 41% of married women in the same age group and 42% of single men. Lacking familiar with managing their personal finances, women are less likely to plan for the future, leaving them vulnerable in old age.

Ms. Kaplan has been the recipient of numerous achievement awards, including the Columbia Business School Distinguished Alumnae Award, the Smith Medalist Award, the Clairol Mentor Award, the YWCA Academy of Women Achievers and the Women's Economic Roundtable Award in Finance, to name just a few. She also been recognized for her achievements with awards from both Mayor David Dinkins and Governor George Pataki.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Ann Kaplan, an outstanding businesswoman, an extraordinary role model and a great visionary.

IN HONOR OF SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to bring to your attention the fiftieth anniversary of Susquehanna Township's establishment as a First Class Township. Susquehanna Township is located just outside the City of Harrisburg, my hometown.

Susquehanna Township owes its name to a local tribe of American Indians known as the Susquehannocks. In 1815, the township was

first formed, cut from the larger Lower Paxton Township.

The first settlement of Susquehanna Township, however, was much earlier. In 1757, Dr. John Cox, Jr. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania laid out a section of the township which was first known as "Coxestown," but was later renamed to "Estherton" after his wife, Esther. A man known only as Mr. Roberts settled the second known settlement of Susquehanna Township in 1774. That area today is known as Rockville. By 1815, the area of Progress in eastern Susquehanna Township was settled and continues to hold that name today.

As of 1928 the Township was a second class township in Pennsylvania. On January 2, 1952, Dauphin County Court acted upon a petition from the supervisors of Susquehanna Township re-establishing it as a First Class Township.

Susquehanna Township today is a booming municipality of the highest living standards for residents and businesses alike. Its assessed valuation well exceeds \$1 billion. Twenty-two thousand people call Susquehanna Township home and over three thousand students are enrolled in its two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school.

I commend the leaders of Susquehanna Township for guiding it through fifty years of success as a First Class Township. In addition, I want to recognize the residents and businesses of Susquehanna Township for their countless contributions to this wonderful Central Pennsylvanian community. Congratulations, Susquehanna Township, on your Golden Anniversary!

TRAGIC EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I will never forget the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Although this unprovoked attack on our nation by faceless cowards sought to damage American will, there can be no doubt that we are more determined than ever to fight for our freedom and preserve our way of life. We have sent our sons and daughters into battle in Central Asia and throughout this world to bring the perpetrators to justice and to eradicate the scourge of terrorism from the face of the earth. I know that we will succeed.

During the past year, we have pulled together as Americans with a renewed sense of patriotism and pride in all of our institutions. Each of us has made a tremendous difference in so many ways like donating blood or food to relief efforts and flying the American flag outside our homes as a sign of solidarity. In the Congress, members of both parties worked together in a bipartisan fashion like never before to demonstrate our resolve to the world community and to care for the victims and their families. When we sang "God Bless America" on the Capitol steps that same night, it was an incredibly emotional moment that truly touched my soul.

It was a true honor to be in New York City at the special joint session of Congress. A couple of weeks after the attacks, I went to ground zero with other members to witness

firsthand the devastation that had been wrought. The heroic determination of the firefighters, police officers and rescue workers will be etched into my mind for the rest of my life. When I returned to New York City, I was amazed of the progress that the people of this great city have made in the area where the Twin Towers once stood. It is truly a testament to the strength and heart of the citizens of New York and all Americans. It makes me proud to serve in the Congress.

Like so many other members of Congress, constituents from the first district of South Carolina and their families were among the victims on that tragic day. They will be sorely missed, but we will never forget them. As we commemorate the unity of this great nation on the first anniversary of these terrorist attacks, I pray for these families and all Americans. The foundation of this great land is strong, and we will never waiver from our cause. God Bless America.

AMERICAN FRONTIERS: A PUBLIC
LANDS JOURNEY

HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, Westerners have an understanding about the importance of public lands to our region and its economy. We know there are forests for recreation and commodity production, ranch lands for grazing, wilderness for back country exploring, and national parks, monuments, rivers, and trails that welcome visitors by the millions each year. But a group of committed partners including federal agencies and organizations like the National Geographic Society organized a special trek to ensure that all Americans understand our common public lands legacy. American Frontiers: A Public Lands Journey, began July 31 and will conclude September 28 in Salt Lake City. Of the two groups making the 3,200-mile journey entirely on the public lands and waters, one started at Glacier National Park in my home state of Montana. At Pipestone Pass in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, that group helped Montanans celebrate a newly constructed segment of the Continental divide National Scenic Trail at a ribbon-cutting ceremony. I congratulate the efforts of American Frontiers to foster a greater understanding of America's public lands legacy and am excited that they are bringing attention to the approximately 30 million acres of public lands in Montana. Special thanks to the Public Lands Interpretive Association that spearheaded this effort. I look forward to hearing accounts from this epic journey.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
FATHER JOHN M. GARRITY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Father John M. Garrity, Pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Berea.

Father John M. Garrity led his flock at St. Mary's for twenty-five years, offering spiritual support to every member. In addition, Father Garrity was very active in the community, serving on many boards and assisting wherever he was needed.

From 1973 to 1988, Father Garrity served as Chaplain for the Cleveland Fire Department. Throughout his vocation, he remained consistently focused on helping those in need.

Father Garrity was an articulate and graceful liturgist. His sense of timing and wit, combined with his kindness and warmth, defined his ministry. Father Garrity leaves behind a rich legacy of a life dedicated to spiritual guidance and leadership, and healing and uplifting his congregation, and the entire community.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Father M. Garrity, whose compassion, understanding and inspiration in his words and deeds kept hope aloft in everyone he knew. Please join me as I extend my deepest condolences to the family, friends and congregation of Father John M. Garrity. Father Garrity's generous and vibrant spirit will live on in all of our hearts.

TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY PARKER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the thousands of unsung heroes who help make our communities safe in the face of disaster. Kimberly Parker is such a person, contributing her time and efforts to preparing local agencies and organizations to handle potential, large-scale emergencies. It is with great respect I stand to honor a woman who has dedicated herself to mitigating the terrible affects of unexpected tragedy.

As emergency manager for Mesa County in Colorado, Kimberly spends her time concerned with problems that rarely cross the minds of others. In fact, it is because of her the people in Mesa County rest assured knowing their communities and local agencies continuously get the training and expertise they need to handle the expected problems like Y2K, or the unforeseeable like a flash flood. She constantly stands ready to assess, coordinate, and respond to emergencies in order to minimize their impact on the public.

In the face of 9/11, Kimberly was quick to pull together all the emergency and security agencies to help create an appropriate and coordinated response through the county's Incident Management Group. She maintained a steady and important stream of accurate information to calm nerves and dispel the many rumors that proliferated in the aftermath surrounding the tragedy. Kimberly continues to share the lessons she has learned in her efforts to prepare for the future by training her Incident Management Group to better react to the new dangers that threaten our country and communities since 9/11.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise Kimberly Parker before this body of Congress and our Nation. Her efforts on behalf of the communities of Mesa County highlight her commitment to preserving life and security. Kimberly's vigilant and expert handling of recent crises has made her a beacon of assurance in these turbulent times and deserves our praise.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CUNG
PHAM AND HIS SERVICE TO ST.
ANSELM'S CROSS-CULTURAL
CENTER IN GARDEN GROVE

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Cung Pham of Garden Grove, California.

Cung Pham served as the director of educational legislation and planning prior to the fall of the Republic of Vietnam in 1975. After the country's collapse, he was detained in a concentration camp for seven years before escaping by boat in 1982 to spend time in a refugee camp in Thailand.

Mr. Pham eventually ended up in the Orange County community. Using his understanding of the refugee experience, Mr. Pham worked as the director of the refugee resettlement program at St. Anselm's Cross Cultural Center in Garden Grove. His great compassion and organizational skills helped make the program a model for the entire country, helping thousands of refugees become assimilated to American life. He helped them with paperwork, enrolled them in English classes, and trained them for job interviews.

Sadly, at the young age of 63, Mr. Pham lost his battle to cancer on September 14, 2002. He was known for his quiet and gentle ways and was greatly admired by those he helped and those with whom he worked.

IN HONOR OF DR. MICHAEL
SCHWARTZ, PRESIDENT OF
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Dr. Michael Schwartz, who was named the fifth president of Cleveland State University.

With a life-long commitment to higher education, Dr. Schwartz continues to be a true advocate of the students he serves. A long-time proponent of open dialogue between students and faculty, Dr. Schwartz fosters a positive campus atmosphere where student learning, achievement, and services are the focus.

Dr. Schwartz brings extensive professional and educational experience to his role as President of Cleveland State University. He holds a Ph.D. in sociology, an M.A. in labor and industrial relations, and a B.S. in psychology, all from the University of Illinois. Dr. Schwartz served as professor and Chairman of Sociology, and Dean of the College of Social Science at Florida Atlantic University. While in Detroit, he taught sociology and psychology at Wayne State University, and served as research director for the Mayor's Committee for Community Action for Detroit Youth. Moreover, Dr. Schwartz served as President of Kent State University from 1982 to 1991, at which time he stepped down to resume teaching.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Dr. Michael

Schwartz, recently named the fifth President of Cleveland State University. Cleveland State University has evolved as a beacon of achievement, learning and hope for past, current and future generations within our Cleveland community. The leadership of Dr. Schwartz sets a tone of confidence, achievement and excellence for every student, faculty and staff member at Cleveland State University. The current and future leadership and direction from Dr. Michael Schwartz holds the promise of guiding, strengthening and enhancing our most treasured educational institution for many years to come.

SEPTEMBER 11TH

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, On this somber anniversary of the terrible attacks on our country last September, we pause in remembrance of all those who died, and we stand in solidarity with the many families here in our communities and elsewhere who continue to live every day with the grief and pain of their unspeakable loss. Their lives and ours will never be the same, but we come together today in communities large and small across our nation not only to comfort one another and remember but to proclaim anew our values as Americans—values that we as a nation have rediscovered in ourselves and each other since last September 11th; values that challenge us to live better, nurture our relationships, and serve our community; values that command us to respond to tragedy as all of these brave families have—with courage and resolve, undaunted by acts of cowardice and hatred.

This gathering today is yet another step that we as a community, indeed we as a nation, are taking together to win this battle against the assault on innocent civilians living in a free society. While we continue to experience competing emotions of sorrow, anger and frustration, we refuse to allow these acts to rob us of our values and our spirit.

My colleagues and I will continue to work together with the President to bring about the end of terrorism. We have the ability and the wherewithal to confront this challenge as we have met so many others in the past so that when future generations pause in remembrance of this day in our history, they will do so in the shelter of a just and free and united country.

IN HONOR OF THE CLUB AZTECA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognition of the Club Azteca of Cleveland, Ohio, on the momentous occasion and celebration of their 70th anniversary.

Club Azteca was formed in 1932 as a social club that offered individuals and families of Mexican heritage an opportunity for support, entertainment, and a continuation of the traditions and culture of Mexico—their beloved

homeland. Club Azteca was progressive from the beginning. Since its inception in 1932, the Club admitted women on an equal basis, with the right to hold office and participate in all decisions concerning the organization.

Many Mexicans emigrated to America in search of greater opportunity for themselves and their families. Like many immigrants, citizens of Mexican heritage brought with them their faith, strong sense of family, and rich culinary dance, and musical traditions and talents.

The Club Azteca has been a reflection of the Mexican American community in the Cleveland area for seven decades; its leaders continue their dedication to the celebration and promotion of their Mexican heritage and continue to provide cultural, educational and social services to its members.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognition of the founding and current members of the Club Azteca, as they celebrate their 70th anniversary. This wonderful organization has provided support for Mexican Americans, and has greatly enriched Cleveland with their contribution of Mexican culture and heritage—a significant aspect of the multi-cultural fabric of our whole community.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK AND ELI MARTINEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to two brothers who were recently honored by the Alamosa County Sheriff's Department and the San Luis Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross for saving the life of a disabled Blanca, Colorado man at San Luis Lake. Frank Martinez and his brother Eli Martinez, both of Capulin, Colorado saw three men in danger of drowning in the San Luis Lake and with a heroic effort managed to rescue two of them. Their acts of bravery and valor most certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress and this Nation.

On May 10, the Martinez brothers were enjoying themselves with a day by the lake. Nearby, Kelly Richard McNeil, 36, of Blanca was out boating with his son James Janus Edward McNeil, 16, and his son's friend Adam Stark, 16. The Martinez brothers witnessed Richard McNeil being blown from his boat into waves that were as high as four feet. McNeil's son and his friend jumped in immediately to try and help only to become victims of the rough waters. The Martinez brothers dove as close as they could and leaped into action. Through their quick response the brothers saved McNeil and helped Stark safely return to the boat.

When presented with a certificate for their extraordinary action and Red Cross skills, the brothers simply expressed regret that they could not save James too. Such heroics reflect the American values second nature to the former Conejos law enforcement officer, Frank, and his brother, Eli. Their efforts show the mettle that keeps this country strong.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize Frank and Eli Martinez for their courage and heroic actions. Their efforts saved the lives of

their fellow man and their heroism is a tribute to their fine character. It is my honor to bring forth these acts of bravery for the praise of this body of Congress.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, one year ago, our Nation was attacked by terrorists who believed that by taking innocent life, they could destroy our spirit and tear down the principles, values, and freedoms that we hold dear. Despite our initial shock and horror on that fateful September morning, Americans from all walks of life proved the terrorists wrong by immediately joining hands to search for survivors, comfort those who lost loved ones, and bring about healing and renewal. There has never been a time when the world witnessed greater heroism, compassion, and unity.

Under the leadership of President Bush, our Nation has made great strides to bring justice to those who perpetrated this evil and improve our Nation's defenses against future terrorist attacks. Our men and women in uniform responded valiantly, toppling the Taliban regime and bringing freedom to a Nation that had served for many years as a haven for terrorism and oppression. The effort to protect our Nation from terrorism is ongoing, and patience will be necessary as we work to establish a permanent Department of Homeland Security and thwart the continued efforts of those who seek to kill innocent Americans in order to advance their political agenda.

Looking back over the past year, it is clear that the events of September 11th have strengthened our Nation and given us a greater appreciation for freedom. Americans have demonstrated that we are committed to working together to preserve our freedom so that we will continue to be a beacon of hope to freedom-loving people around the world.

HONORING CUYAHOGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society, for their creation, organization, support and promotion of the annual Cuyahoga County Fair—now in its 106th year.

Although most of Cuyahoga County is no longer agricultural, the two hundred members of the Agricultural Society present the public with a glimpse of the agriculture and farming of days gone by, as well as current and future agricultural products and trends.

The Cuyahoga County Fair is an annual rite of summer for the entire Cleveland community. Reflecting the mission of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society, the Fair is a yearly opportunity for education, exhibits, and demonstrations of agricultural products, past and present, that are unique to our community. Annual outings to the Fair, as families

have done for over one hundred years, provide all ages with a fun and educational experience, and create memories that connect each new generation of fair-goers.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society, on the significant occasion of the Society's 106th Annual Cuyahoga County Fair. The County Fair has provided millions of citizens the opportunity to explore the County's agricultural existence in an educational, creative and inviting manner. This annual event has been a culturally significant aspect of our entire community, and a wonderful event for citizens of all ages.

U.S. SHOULD REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL BY REDUCING OIL DEMAND

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, the events of September 11 highlight the danger in continuing to ignore our oil dependence on other countries, especially our dependence on Middle East oil. More than 51 percent of the oil we use is imported. Our Nation is in a very vulnerable position, at the mercy of unstable regimes in the Middle East and other volatile regions. Our dependence on oil has many negative ramifications including the threatening of our environment and our economy.

Our oil dependency places a heavy burden on our environment. It contributes significantly to making the United States the world's largest emitter of carbon dioxide, responsible for one-fourth of the world's total global warming pollution. Our high demand for oil also pressures us to drill in our remaining unspoiled wilderness such as Utah's Redrock canyon county and the Arctic Wildlife Refuge. Our land, water, wildlife and the livelihood of coastal communities are also threatened by oil spills, an inevitable consequence of oil transportation.

Our oil dependency is also very costly to our economy. The United States spent \$106 billion on imported crude oil and petroleum products in 2000. That is equivalent to almost one third of the total U.S. trade deficit. Over the past 30 years, Americans have transferred \$1.16 trillion of their wealth to oil-producing countries.

As we develop our energy policy, we must ensure that it is one that can both reduce oil use and its burden on our environment and economy. Shifting the drilling for oil from one country to another will not resolve our oil crisis. We need to reduce our oil dependence by utilizing innovative technologies that focus on reducing oil use such as gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles which get double the mileage of today's cars. We must also encourage smart growth in our cities instead of suburban sprawl so that communities are more liveable with less driving.

The only effective way to reduce dependence on foreign oil, and at the same time protect our environment, is to reduce our oil demand. If we lower our oil consumption, more of America's wealth will stay in this country.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. NICHOLAS CROATIAN BYZANTINE CHURCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor, recognition and celebration of the 100th Anniversary Celebration of St. Nicholas Croatian Byzantine Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Nicholas Church has been a significant spiritual, cultural and historical anchor for Croatian immigrants for one hundred years. In 1902, fifty families, who had recently immigrated to Cleveland from Croatia founded St. Nicholas Church. Father Mile Golubic arrived in the United States to celebrate first Divine Liturgy in an old building converted to accommodate liturgical services in spring of 1902. Parishioners, though very poor financially, were wealthy in spirit, hope and determination. Parishioners and church leaders kept St. Nicholas Church alive through their generous donations and volunteerism.

In 1913, after years of challenges and difficulties for the fledgling church, members collected enough money to purchase a church building on the corner of East 36th Street and St. Clair—where St. Nicholas Church remains to this day.

St. Nicholas Church has endured many changes over the past hundred years. The membership has increased considerably, and the church itself has been rebuilt and restored. Yet from its simplest beginnings as a group of Croatian immigrants—connected by faith, family, a past in Croatia and a future in America. The dreams, hopes, vision, and generous hearts that defined the founding members of St. Nicholas Church in the early days, carried the Church through a century, and remains the same today.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and celebration of St. Nicholas Croatian Byzantine Catholic Church, on the momentous and happy occasion of their 100th Anniversary. May St. Nicholas Church, and its leaders and parishioners, continue their dedication to the enhancement of the spiritual, historical and cultural life of Croatian Americans, which continues to enhance our entire community.

IN RECOGNITION OF PHELPS DODGE IN GREEN VALLEY, ARIZONA

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to rise today to congratulate the employees and management of Phelps Dodge Sierrita in Green Valley, Arizona. They are one of the eight mining operations to recently receive the prestigious annual "Sentinels of Safety" award in recognition of their outstanding safety records during 2001. Begun in 1925 by then-Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, this award is highly sought after and is the oldest established award for occupational safety. I commend Phelps Dodge Sierrita for their efforts to work safely each and every day.

It is an award that is not easily won. Mining operations that receive the award achieve the highest number of employee work-hours without an injury that resulted in lost time from work. What this translates to is that a company must compile at least 30,000 employee work-hours during the year without a lost-time injury or fatality. Phelps Dodge Sierrita recorded a staggering 453,936 consecutive employee hours well beyond the minimum required to receive the award. They are a stellar example to us all.

IN HONOR OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINE'S PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor and recognition of the tenth anniversary of the Ukraine Parliament's brave and historic Proclamation of Independence.

The Ukraine Parliament embraced democracy, and declared independence under the visionary leadership of Leonid Kravchuk, on August 24, 1991—after years of Soviet rule. The Proclamation of Independence was followed by a nationwide referendum in which over 90% of Ukraine's 53 million people voted in favor of independence and elected Kravchuk the first President of the Independent Ukraine. This courageous step ended centuries of foreign rule and allowed Ukraine to make tremendous strides towards freedom and democratic rule.

On this special day I recall the words of Ivan Plyushch, the Parliamentary chief as he proudly proclaimed at the 1991, inaugural ceremony, "A European State has appeared on the map, and its name is Ukraine!!" The bold actions of these patriotic leaders set a country that had known so much terror on a course of freedom, liberty and democracy.

Mr. Speaker, on this day of celebration, I also rise to honor the men and women who fought hard and suffered dearly in their country's struggle to break the bonds of oppression, and who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country's independence. It is due to their grandparents and parents dedication and bravery that the children of Ukraine breathe the air of freedom. I ask my colleagues to join me in honor and recognition of this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO CAMPBELL'S FLOWERS AND GREENHOUSES

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a family company that has become a hallmark of civic virtue and quality through many years of service to their community. Campbell's Flowers and Greenhouses has been an integral part of community life in Pueblo, Colorado, for nearly a century and it is with pleasure I honor them today.

German immigrant Gerhard Fleischer founded Campbell's Flowers in the early 1900s

under its original name, Fleischer's House of Flowers. His son, Wally, helped his father grow the business and moved it to its current location. But developing a business and selling flowers was not their only priority; they also helped cultivate a community. Gerhard planned many of the city's parks and Wally helped establish garden clubs, worked with city crews to landscape, and played Santa Claus amusing the local children at Christmas.

In 1958, the Fleischers sold the flower shop to Fred and Jim Campbell who changed the name, and the company continued to grow with the community it served. When current owner Gary and Kathy Stanifer purchased Campbell's Flowers along with partners in 1978, they kept the name and commitment to the community that came with it. By that time, Campbell's Flowers had already rooted itself deep into the economy and culture of Pueblo, and continues to stand out as mark of quality and excellence in the floral industry.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor this company before this body of Congress and our Nation. Campbell's Flowers and Greenhouses and the hardworking, progressive men and women who have made it what it is today, stand as beacons of American spirit and industry. They are an example to us all and worthy of our praise.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
CONGRESSMAN DON J. PEASE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Congressman Don Pease—civil leader, newspaperman, and professor—and most importantly—beloved family man, and friend and mentor to many.

As the long-time representative of District 13, Congressman Pease's dedication to public service was characterized by integrity, hard work, creativity and kindness. His life-long commitment to progressive ideals and civic involvement began in his own community in the sixties, when he served two terms as a Councilman in the city of Oberlin. Shortly thereafter, Congressman Pease was elected to the Ohio State Senate, where he served until he was elected to represent the residents of Ohio's District 13 as a United States Congressman. From 1976 to 1992, Congressman Pease worked toward the betterment of his constituents with determination, unwavering principles, and courage to take on controversial issues.

Congressman Pease was a gentleman and a scholar. His expertise and talent in the areas of writing, editing and managing a newspaper was clearly evident throughout his many years as writer and editor of the Oberlin News Tribune. During that time, Congressman Pease garnered several editing and newspaper awards. Later, Congressman Pease brought his experience and knowledge to Oberlin College, in the position of Visiting Distinguished Professor of Politics.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Congressman Don J. Pease—a truly outstanding individual, public servant, and above all—beloved husband, father, and friend. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife Jeanne and daughter

Jennifer, and also to his extended family and friends.

HONORING DOCTOR CHARLES
DAVID LEE

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Doctor Charles David Lee, a constituent of mine from Forest, Mississippi, who recently announced his retirement after 44 years of service as a general medical practitioner in Forest. Dr. Lee, affectionately known as "David" to his many friends, is the son of the late Chief Justice and Mrs. Percy Mercer Lee. He is a 1948 graduate of Forest High School, where he excelled, in both academics and athletics.

Doctor Lee's undergraduate degree was attained at Mississippi College, and his Doctorate of Medicine was attained at Tulane University. While at Mississippi College, he was an outstanding athlete, participating in football, basketball and baseball. He served as Co-Captain of the football team his sophomore year, and during his junior year he was selected "Little All American" and at the same time picked up the nickname "Dixie Dave" which remains to this day. He has been recognized as one of Mississippi College's most outstanding athletes in school history. Because of his athletic achievements, he was named to the Mississippi College Sports Hall of Fame in 1972.

Doctor Lee entered Tulane Medical School in 1951 and graduated 4th in his class in 1956. After graduating and completing his internship, Doctor Lee entered the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a Captain, and spent two years of service in Okinawa where he became an expert in the treatment of military divers. Because of his exemplary military service, Doctor Lee was encouraged by his military superiors to remain in the Army and make it a career. After much thought and deliberation by he and his wife, Doctor Lee decided, to return to Forest and begin his medical practice. Doctor Lee was honorably discharged from the Army in 1958.

For 44 years Doctor Lee and his wife have faithfully served the Forest and Scott County community. He has focused on being a "patient's doctor" and is recognized among his peers as being a caring and loving physician with a concerned bedside manner. Over this time span, Doctor Lee has delivered more than 2,000 babies, and has served as the team Doctor for the Forest High School football team for more than 41 years.

The commitment of Doctor Lee to the town of Forest, the Scott County community, and the state of Mississippi, as well as, his love for athletics, is legendary and recognized by all those around him. To show their love and appreciation for Doctor and Mrs. Lee, the town of Forest, in the early 90's, named them "Citizens of the Year."

Sid Salter, a close friend and newspaper reporter who normally accompanied Doctor Lee's to the high school athletic events said, "Lee has rarely missed a Bearcat football game at home, or on the road in the last 43 years. He has treated more than three generations of Forest High School athletes."

Doctor and Mrs. Lee are the parents of two children David Lee, Jr., and Margy Thaxton. They have two grandchildren, Jacob Lee and Joni Tillman and one great-grandson Reese Tillman. In retirement, Doctor Lee plans to fish, hunt and travel.

Thus, it is indeed an honor for me to recognize, and call to the House's attention a great doctor, a great athlete, and a fine Christian gentleman, my friend from Forest, Mississippi Doctor Charles David Lee.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
STEVE YOKICH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in recognition and remembrance of Mr. Steve Yokich, former UAW President, family man, dedicated activist, and dear friend to many.

Mr. Yokich, an exceptional leader, leaves behind a rich legacy of enhancing, protecting, and tenaciously fighting for the rights of America's auto workers. For over four decades, Mr. Yokich was the unwavering voice and champion of thousands of auto worker and their families.

As a highly skilled tool and die maker, Mr. Yokich began his career as a dedicated and vocal union activist. As he ascended the ranks of the UAW, his strong leadership skills, tough negotiating skills, and creative conflict resolution abilities served him and his membership well in assisting the union in making major strides that greatly improved the lives of workers and their families. Additionally, Mr. Yokich procured strong relationships with other unions, including the United Steelworkers of America.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of a truly outstanding individual, Mr. Steve Yokich, who dedicated forty-six years of his life toward the betterment of workers and their families. Please join me as I extend my sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Steve Yokich; and also to the members and leadership of the UAW—all of whom were witness to his personal integrity, tenacity, kindness and determination to help others.

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF
CONGRESS SEPTEMBER 6, 2002

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride as an American and as a New Yorker that I commend my colleagues for taking part in this Special Joint Meeting of Congress in historic Federal Hall.

By meeting in this venerable hall in lower Manhattan—just blocks from where the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center were destroyed less than one year ago—the United States Senate and House of Representatives have demonstrated our governments lasting commitment to the people of New York. And by fighting back and emerging stronger than

ever, New Yorkers have demonstrated their grit, their courage and their determination. On September 11, 2001 New York took our enemy's best shot and never wavered or faltered. The police officers, fire fighters and all the rescue workers who raced into the inferno demonstrated unsurpassed courage and set the tone and standard for our nation and the world. Just as significantly, the families of the brave men and women who were murdered that day just because they went to work in the World Trade Center have demonstrated a class and dignity that defy comprehension.

None of us will ever forget where we were or what we were doing when we first heard the news of the terrorist attacks of September 11—the attack on the World Trade Center, the attack on the Pentagon and the bringing down of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania by uncommonly heroic passengers. Nor will we forget how our nation rallied behind President Bush as he commanded the war against international terrorism. That war will be waged on many battlefields and in many ways for many years to come. But we know that America will prevail. It will prevail in large part because of the fighting spirit that rose from the flames and smoke which engulfed lower Manhattan. And it is that spirit that the United States Congress has honored and acknowledged by holding this extraordinary session in Federal Hall. God Bless America.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
CHRISTINA SUNGA RYOOK

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor, recognition, and remembrance of Christina Sunga Ryook, whose young and vibrant life was tragically cut short on the darkest day in the history of America.

Despite their profound sorrow and pain, Dae Jin Ryook and Kyung Woo Ryook, father and mother of Christina, have found the courage to speak of their beloved daughter—to share their thoughts with the world, letting us know and understand the beauty within the heart, soul and spirit that characterized Christina.

Christina's love for life, and love for her parents, extended family and close circle of friends, was a true gift—a gift she gave freely. She kindly extended her generosity, compassion and thoughtfulness to everyone she knew, and her kind and loving spirit will live on forever in all who knew her.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Christina Sunga Ryook, who possessed a profound sense of joy for life, and whose inner light radiates within the hearts of everyone who loves her. Please join me as I extend my deepest condolences to Christina's beloved parents—Dae Jin Ryook and Kyung Woo Ryook. May you both find solace and comfort by the light and memories of your special, cherished and beloved daughter, Christina Sunga Ryook.

CONDEMNING THE ATTACK ON
THE SWAMINARAYAN TEMPLE IN
GUJARAT

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, this week, the world witnessed yet another act of senseless violence. I rise as the Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans to express my condolences to the families of the victims of the brutal attack on the Swaminarayan Temple in Gujarat.

Thirty-two—including many children—died in an attack in Gandhinagar.

Last year, I led a congressional delegation to Gujarat immediately following the devastating earthquake that hit the state. From that trip and my dealings with the Gujarati community in the U.S., I have developed a deep fondness for the people of Gujarat.

During my visit, I visited the Swaminarayan Temple and witnessed first hand the efforts of the Swaminarayan Temple to assist victims of the earthquake. Our heart goes out to all Gujaratis harmed by this violent act.

The Swaminarayan organization was established in 1907. It is a religion that preaches religious tolerance and practical spirituality. I only wish that more people in this world shared those values.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
MADELINE L. RYAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Madeline L. Ryan, social and community activist, and above all, devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and friend to many.

Mrs. Ryan was born in Collinwood, Ohio, to working class parents who instilled values of social action and personal responsibility regarding the American labor movement.

While working and raising her three sons, Mrs. Ryan also found time to volunteer on behalf of workers' rights. She was an active member of the Communications Workers of America, and later was elected Vice President of the CWA Retirees Club. She lived by example, teaching others that the path for change was action and involvement. Mrs. Ryan helped organize workers; she walked the picket line; attended countless meetings; and even traveled to Washington, DC, to lobby Congress to secure positive change on behalf of the CWA.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Madeline L. Ryan, whose eloquent dedication to social justice, in word and deed, significantly impacted all who knew her. I extend my deepest condolences to her beloved husband, Arthur Ryan, sons Michael, Jeff and John; and also to her grandchildren, great grandchild, and extended family and friends. Mrs. Ryan's devotion to family and community will never be forgotten.

CONGRATULATING THE CONGRES-
SIONAL COALITION ON ADOPTION
INSTITUTE'S "ANGELS IN ADOPT-
TION" PROGRAM AND THE HALL-
MARK CHANNEL

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, last night the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute celebrated the fourth annual "Angels in Adoption" program. It was a remarkable celebration of the many heroes throughout the nation who have advanced the cause of adoption.

I had the great privilege to present to Lana Corbi, President and CEO of the Hallmark Channel, one of the 2002 National Angel Awards to recognize the Hallmark Channel's outstanding contributions to promote adoption through their television programming.

There are many who made the "Angels in Adoption" event such a tremendous success, among whom I would like to commend my Congressional Coalition on Adoption Co-Chairs, Senator LARRY CRAIG and Senator MARY LANDRIEU for their leadership and advocacy. I would also like to thank Maxine Baker and the Freddie Mac Foundation, and Paul Singer and the Target Corporation for their generous sponsorship of the "Angels in Adoption" celebration.

I want to add a special word of thanks to Kerry Hasenbalg, the Executive Director of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, and her marvelous and dedicated staff (Wendy Cosby, Lynnette Cole, Katie Richardson, Jenni Byrd, and summer interns Kaitlin McNew and Emily Bonhoff) who gave so tirelessly of their time and talent to make this event such a success. I also wish to thank Chip Gardiner of my staff, Brooke Roberts of Senator CRAIG's staff and Kathleen Strottman of Senator LANDRIEU's staff for their significant contributions to adoption advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to enter in the RECORD my remarks from last evening's "Angels in Adoption" program.

REPRESENTATIVE OBERSTAR'S PRESENTATION
OF THE 2002 NATIONAL ANGEL IN ADOPTION
AWARD TO THE HALLMARK CHANNEL

Tonight, we celebrate the men, women and children who have made profound contributions to adoption in their communities. Each Angel in Adoption has been deeply moved by this life-changing and life-affirming experience. For the Members of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, tonight is our opportunity to recognize their story, their experience. We are a better nation, and the lives of countless children and families have been touched in a powerful manner through adoption.

I have seen many families in my congressional district in Minnesota that have been touched by adoption, and I am delighted to recognize one of my constituents, Linda Forde from Deerwood, Minnesota for sharing her personal experience with adoption with me. Ms. Forde is an adoptive parent of two wonderful children who were born in Vietnam. Because of her concern regarding the treatment of U.S. families seeking to adopt from Vietnam, she contacted me to voice her support for these families. Through her advocacy, Ms. Forde has demonstrated that motivated citizens can make a difference to promote adoption. It is for this reason that I am pleased to recognize Ms. Forde for her dedication to orphans who seek their forever families.

Adoption changes lives—it changes families, neighborhoods, and communities. Adoption has also changed attitudes and beliefs. Through the advocacy and dedication of adoptive families and professionals, adoption has changed our nation and our world. My colleagues and I have seen adoption officials of other nations, upon experiencing the joy of the young children whom their government and people have allowed to be adopted by U.S. families, spontaneously make unexpected proclamations to expand their nation's adoption programs. I have heard powerful testimony of children in our foster care system describe their heart-moving desire for a forever family. As an adoptive parent, I also know the thrill and excitement of receiving "The Call" that told us that our son Ted would soon be with us.

The Nobel Prize Chilean poet, Gabriela Mistral wrote: "We are guilty of many errors and faults, but our worst crime is abandoning children, neglecting the fountain of life. Many things we need can wait; the child cannot. To the child, we cannot answer: 'Tomorrow'. The child's name is 'Today!'" Those words have particular meaning for the more than 117,000 children in foster care who are available for adoption, and to whom we must say: "TODAY".

Until recently, the wonderful adoption experiences that we celebrate this evening were unreal and intangible to those unfamiliar with adoption. The Hallmark Channel travels into the households of 45 million subscribers around the globe. Thanks to Hallmark, families in the United States and throughout the world now have the opportunity to see the real stories of adoptive families.

In June of this year, the Hallmark Channel initiated their first original series entitled "Adoption" which is a non-scripted, reality program, that captures the journey and real life experience of birth parents, adopted children and adoptive parents. I want to commend and congratulate the Hallmark Channel for your leadership and vision to bring these great stories to life.

With the premiere of "Adoption," Hallmark Channel has dedicated the network's inaugural national corporate outreach initiative to supporting and creating grassroots programs dedicated to positively impacting awareness of adoption in the U.S. By providing the tools that enable viewers to make a difference in their communities, Hallmark Channel hopes to dispel the myths surrounding adoption, and shed a positive light on the process. The Adoption initiative encompasses several elements that can be tailored to a variety of needs, including: turn-key promotions, public service announcements, educational tools, and programming elements to allow select markets to reach out and highlight relevant adoption stories in their community. This fall, as part of their corporate initiative, Hallmark will unveil a special ornament that celebrates adoption. They have generously included in each of your gift bags coupons that may be redeemed by mail for one of these ornaments.

At this time, I would like to direct your attention to the video monitors to see a short excerpt of the Hallmark Channel's programming from their wonderful "Adoption" series.

We are delighted to have Lana Corbi, President and CEO of Hallmark Channel, with us this evening to accept the 2002 National Angel in Adoption Award for the Hallmark Channel. Lana is a remarkable woman who has recently been named one of the "50 Most Powerful Black Executives in America" by Fortune Magazine. The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute is very pleased to present this award to Lana

Corbi in recognition of the Hallmark Channel's outstanding contributions to raise adoption awareness through leadership in television programming.

UKRANIAN AMERICAN VETERANS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Ukrainian American Veterans, on the historic occasion of their 55th Annual National Convention.

American veterans of Ukrainian heritage have a rich and significant history in defending our nation's democracy and freedoms, during times of peace and times of war. American veterans of Ukrainian descent have been an ongoing and vital source of strength in every branch of the United States military, dating back to the dawn of America.

Ukrainian American Veterans, here in Cleveland, and across our country, have reflected a dedication to promoting peace, goodwill, faith and community for all citizens.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of all Americans of Ukrainian heritage—especially our veterans—who proudly joined the United States Armed Forces to defend the liberties of America. Let us not ever forget those veterans, of every heritage, who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of all Americans. Today, I congratulate the Ukrainian American Veterans on the significant occasion of their 55th Annual National Convention. The deep dedication to justice and significant contribution to American society by Ukrainian American Veterans has been, and continues to be, a vital strength within our community, and within our nation.

AMERICAN FRONTIERS: A PUBLIC LANDS JOURNEY

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, a unique expedition is now underway out West to draw attention to America's public lands legacy.

"American Frontiers: A Public Lands Journey", began July 31 and will conclude September 28 in Salt Lake City. Two teams of adventurers are traveling by foot, horseback, ATV, canoe, boat and bicycle entirely over public lands on this 3,000-mile trek. Along the way, they are sharing their experiences and thoughts with school children, local communities and the world via videophones and an interactive Internet website, www.americanfrontiers.net.

In Colorado, as in much of the rugged American West, our public lands play an important role in our lives, our economies, and our communities. We take pleasure in hiking, biking, skiing, rafting and hunting on public lands. And the natural resources on our public lands provide us with the timber, energy, water, minerals and livestock forage that support our unique quality of life. I applaud this effort to encourage a better understanding of the

importance of America's public lands spearheaded by the Public Lands Interpretive Association. Those participants in this endeavor who complete this journey should be congratulated for the pioneering and age-old spirit of the American West that they embody as they persevere along the trail.

I hope all Americans will join in celebrating our shared legacy—and the accomplishments of the American Frontiers adventurers—on National Public Lands Day, this Saturday, September 28.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP BEUFORD J. TERRY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Bishop Beuford J. Terry, on the occasion of his consecration to the office of Jurisdictional Bishop of the Ohio Northeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

Bishop Terry, who is also the Presiding Prelate to the Ohio Northeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, has dedicated his life to not only the spiritual enrichment of his congregation, but also to the overall enrichment and improvement of the East Cleveland community.

Bishop Terry continues to demonstrate his commitment and dedication to his faith, and to the individuals and families he serves. He is the reason why his church, the Community Temple Church of God in Christ, is an ongoing source of comfort and inspiration for its members. Moreover, Bishop Terry provides a light of hope and beacon of possibility for the entire East Cleveland neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of Bishop Beuford J. Terry, on the momentous occasion of his consecration to the office of Jurisdictional Bishop of the Ohio Northeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Bishop Terry's life-long dedication to helping others, as well as his spiritual guidance, generosity, and activism, significantly inspires the lives of his family, friends and congregation, and continues to positively impact our entire community.

RECOGNIZING HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF 100 YEARS OF KOREAN IMMIGRATION TO UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, as a co-sponsor of this resolution, I am pleased to see it being considered by the House today and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

In 2003, communities throughout the United States will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Korean immigration to the United States. Many Korean immigrants came to the United States in the early 1950's, fleeing from war, poverty and the threat of communism. As the hope to return to a united and democratic Korea diminished, Korean immigrants were left

to build new communities and opportunities for themselves in the United States.

It was through sheer determination and hard work that many Korean Americans have been able to thrive in America, invigorating businesses, churches and academic communities throughout the United States. According to the United States Census, Korean Americans own and operate 135,571 businesses across the nation that have gross sales of \$46,000,000,000 annually and employ 333,649 individuals.

Korean Americans have also left an indelible mark in our communities and government. Korean American community activists such as Angela Oh and Bong Hwan Kim worked tirelessly to bridge the racial tensions during the Los Angeles riots of 1992.

The Korean-American population of the U.S. has greatly added to the rich fabric of our Nation. I want to take this opportunity to commend Korean Americans for their historical and cultural contributions to this Nation, and again urge a YES vote on this resolution.

SPANISH AMERICAN COMMITTEE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Spanish American Committee, as they celebrate thirty-five years of service to Hispanic Americans in the Cleveland area.

Established in 1966, the Spanish American Committee, a United Way agency, is the oldest and largest non-profit social service organization in Ohio, existing to provide assistance for citizenry of Hispanic/Latino heritage in Northeast Ohio. This invaluable agency, comprised of caring, dedicated and hardworking individuals, provides essential services that improve the lives of families and individuals.

Since the dawn of our nation, citizens of Hispanic/Latino heritage have greatly contributed to, and enhanced, every facet of our so-

ciety. And through their meaningful action, the members of this worthy organization have elevated the quality of life for thousands of Hispanic/Latino individuals and families. Some of the significant services provided by the Spanish American Committee include: Counseling and crisis intervention, employment services, daycare services, job referrals, housing services, tenant and landlord counseling, English language classes, translation services, and voter education and registration.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and admiration of the Spanish American Committee, as we join them in celebration of their 35th Anniversary. Please join me as I extend my deepest admiration and congratulations to the Spanish American Society, as its members continue to empower and assist Hispanic Americans to secure a brighter future for themselves—casting a light of hope and accomplishment over our entire community.